

To Our Neighbors:

This is our 10 year report to the community summarizing emergency medical helicopter landings at Seattle Children's Hospital.

The Medical Review Committee meets twice a year to review all emergency medical landings at Children's Emergency Department. This committee includes two representatives from neighborhoods surrounding Children's, a representative from the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, a representative of Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, two physicians independent of Children's and key medical and nursing leadership from Children's.

In addition, an internal medical review team comprised of medical leadership and the nursing transport team from Children's and Airlift Northwest meet routinely and review all landings on an ongoing basis.

The committees continue to find that the overwhelming majority of these emergency medical landings are limited to critically ill patients for whom immediate pediatric care or intervention is indicated. We continue to evaluate each situation to determine whether a safe alternative to the landing at Children's is available.

Landings at the helistop at Children's must meet established medical criteria and only occur for our most critically ill patients. For example, any one of the following conditions would qualify for landing at Children's helistop:

- *inability to maintain oxygenation or airway*
- *inability to maintain adequate cardiac circulation*
- *inability to maintain adequate blood pressure or*



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10 Year Summary of Flight Activity 2005 - 2014

A Report to the Community About Emergency Medical Helicopter Landings at Seattle Children's Hospital

As a neighbor of Children's you may be interested to learn more about the life saving emergency medical services the Hospital provides to children in our region.

The following information summarizes the use of the Helistop at Children's and describes the medical needs of children served by emergency landings over a ten year period.

These landing reports are now available online at:
<http://construction.seattlechildrens.org/helicopter-landing-reports/>

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